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November 2009

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Chula Vista's Hidden Gem



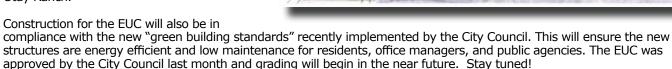
Looking for some family fun over the holidays? The Chula Vista Nature Center is a living museum right in our own backyard! There's no better time to discover some of the most astonishing natural habitats Southern California has to offer. Here, all ages can watch local animals in their element, interact hands-on at the petting pool, or watch animal feedings daily from 1:45 to 3:30 p.m. The Center is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday (the last shuttle runs at 4 p.m.)

Upon entering the facility, visitors are greeted by endangered green sea turtles swimming in Turtle Lagoon. Inside, visitors can experience three major habitat zones the bay, marsh, and upland. Each zone is filled with live animal exhibits that promise to entertain and educate. For more information on guided tours, the home composting program, arts and crafts sessions and more visit www. chulavistanaturecenter.org or call (619) 409-5900. Make your next class trip, business meeting, or birthday party an adventure at the Chula Vista Nature Center!

Something for Everyone at EUC

If you're seeking a more vibrant lifestyle closer to home, then we've got news for you! Forget those long drives to the Gaslamp Quarter, because The McMillin Companies Eastern Urban Center (EUC) will be the new 'downtown" for Chula Vista locals and visitors to shop, dine, work and reside. Marketed as a "hybrid" alternative to suburban or urban neighborhoods, the EUC will have all the conveniences of a big city environment, without many of the frustrations.

Located just south of the Otay Ranch Town Center mall and adjacent to the City's planned University, the EUC will offer something for everyone. From mixed-use residential living to walkable neighborhoods, thematic parks, restaurants, hotels and office space, the EUC will become the heart of the award winning Otay Ranch.





Chula Vista has a long and successful history of leadership in environmental programs, including the latest effort, Green Building Standards. Green building is a whole system approach to the design, construction and operation of buildings that use materials and methods to promote resource conservation, energy efficiency and good indoor air quality. Chula Vista's Green Building Standards, recommended by the Climate Change Working Group, will be a compliment to the city's other environmental programs.

Effective November 5, all building plans submitted must comply with the new standards, including new residential and non-residential construction, additions, and remodels. Appropriate building material and products are readily available and comparable in costs. Builders will be able to market their products and improvements as being energy efficient, water conserving, recycle friendly and more. Information about Chula Vista's Green Building Standards can be found at www. chulavistaca.gov/goto/sustainability.

Happening this month:

Talking About Walking

Review the City's Draft Pedestrian Master Plan and the results of the Chula Vista Elementary School District Walking Audits, and help identify and prioritize pedestrian improvement projects city-wide. All meetings will be from 6-8 p.m.:

- Tuesday, Nov. 3, Parkway Rec Center, 373 Park Way
- Tuesday, Nov. 10, Montevalle Rec Center, 840 Duncan Ranch Road
- Tuesday, Nov. 17, Heritage Elementary, 1450 Santa Lucia Road

For more information, contact sryan@ altaplanning.com or call (619) 269-6043.

America Recycles Day

America Recycles Day is the only nationally recognized day dedicated to encourage Americans to recycle and buy recycled products. Each year on November 15, millions of people become better informed about the importance of recycling. Visit www.recycleday.org for more information. Make the pledge! Go to

http://nrc-recycle.org/takethepledge.aspx. And for more environmental ideas, visit www.chulavistaca.gov/clean.

Critters & Cocktails

Do you feel like things have gone to the birds? Then it's time for some fun! Join the famous "Bird Call Lady," Nicole Peretta, and others at the Chula Vista Nature Center on Thursday, November 19. From 6-8 p.m., guests can mingle with endangered birds and other creatures while enjoying appetizers and drinks. Tickets are \$50 per person and each attendee receives a one-year membership to the Center. Space is limited. RSVP by November 6 to mail@ cvnc.us or call (619) 409-5903 for more information.



Vid You Know?

Families who use the Chula Vista Public Library save on average more than \$400 a month. Discover the value of library services with a fun web-based calculator. After entering the number of times you use a service, the value will appear. Said one library patron, "My family and I can't afford to buy the books that we'd like to read, so it's nice to be able to borrow them. Thank you!" Visit www.chulavistalibrary.com and discover the great value that is your library.

Recreation is offering a "Turkey Tennis Camp" for kids ages 7-15 during the Thanksgiving break Nov. 26-28, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. Three new tennis balls and a racquet are required to participate. Taught by tennis pro Juan Villanueva, the camp will be held at Marisol Park. Fee is \$81 resident, \$100 non-resident. For more information and to register, call (619) 691-5140.



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691-5280 **Code Enforcement**

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Nature Center

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